

Claim Amendments

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (previously presented): A decorative carapace for a burial vault comprising:

a carapace having a top surface; and

a substrate, having a decorative graphic, said substrate being attached to said top surface of said carapace; and

adhesive interposed between said carapace and said substrate, and adhering said substrate to said carapace;

wherein said substrate is formed from a material selected from the group of polyester, polypropylene, polyethylene, vinyl, acetate, acrylic, polystyrene, or polycarbonate.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original): The decorative carapace according to claim 1 wherein said substrate is transparent.

Claim 4 (original): The decorative carapace according to claim 1 wherein said graphic is printed on said substrate.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (original): The decorative carapace according to claim 4 wherein said substrate is adhered to said carapace using transparent adhesive.

Claims 7–15 (cancelled).

Claim 16 (currently amended): A decorative receptacle for holding the remains of a deceased, the receptacle comprising:

- a container;
- a substrate having first and second sides;
- a graphic image applied to the first side of the substrate; and
- an adhesive attaching the second side of the substrate to a first surface of the container;

wherein at least one condition from the following group is met:

- a) the substrate is formed from a material selected from the group of polyester, polypropylene, polyethylene, vinyl, acetate, acrylic, polystyrene, or polycarbonate;
- b) the substrate is flexible; and
- c) the substrate is substantially transparent and the adhesive is substantially transparent.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~The device of claim 16,~~

A decorative receptacle for holding the remains of a deceased, the receptacle comprising:

- a container;
 - a substrate having first and second sides;
 - a graphic image applied to the first side of the substrate; and
 - an adhesive attaching the second side of the substrate to a first surface of the container;
- wherein the substrate substantially covers the first surface of the container.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device of claim 17, wherein the container comprises a burial vault.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate is flexible and the container comprises an urn.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate is substantially transparent and the adhesive is substantially transparent.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, wherein the graphic image comprises a color image.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The device of claim 21, wherein the graphic image is printed on the first side of the substrate.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate comprises a continuous sheet of material without seams.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The device of claim 16, wherein the substrate is substantially rigid.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The device of claim 16 further comprising a protective layer covering the graphic image.